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Michael SIJACIC et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3624
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Application No.: 09/867,649	)	Examiner: HAVAN, THU THAO
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For: METHODS AND SYSTEM FOR	)	Confirmation No.: 7981
INTEGRATING XML BASED	)	
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ELECTRONIC INVOICE	)	
PRESENTMENT AND PAYMENT	)	
ENVIRONMENT	)	

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledged Applicants' election of claims 1-7, 9-45, and 47-59; rejected claims 1-7, 9-45 and 47-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Ludwig et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0167229 ("Ludwig"). Claims 1-7, 9-45, and 47-59 are currently pending.